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going home

a resource guide for people
leaving corrections facilities

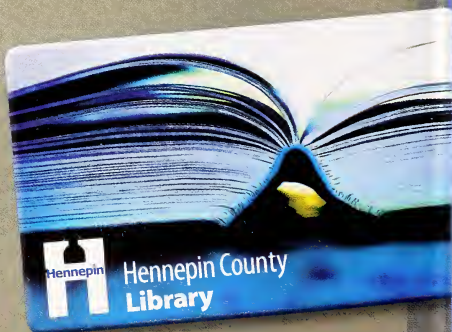


Hennepin County
Library

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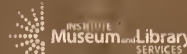
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Office of Minority Health Resource Center
Knowledge Center
1101 Wootton Parkway
Rockville, MD 20852
1-800-444-6472



The Institute of Museum and Library Services,
a federal agency that fosters innovation, leadership and a lifetime of learning,
in conjunction with State Library Services,
a division of the Minnesota Department of Education,
which administers federal LSTA grants,
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freedom ticket

www.hclib.org/freeticket

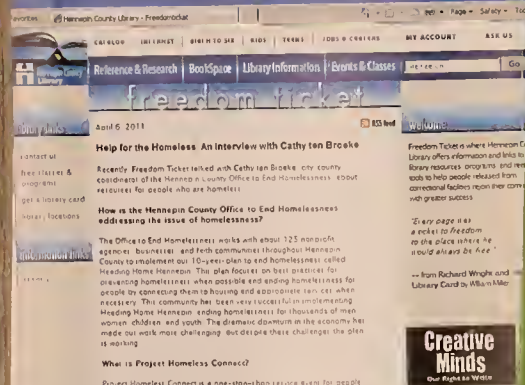
"Every page was a ticket to freedom,
to the place where he would always be free."

Richard Wright and the Library Card by William Miller

Freedom Ticket: A Website Just for You

Freedom Ticket is a website created by Hennepin County Library for people leaving corrections facilities. It highlights library services, books, resources and local organizations to help people rejoin their community with greater success. For more information about libraries and reentry resources, please visit:

www.hclib.org/freeticket



"When the world seemed
to close me out by saying
'you can't,' the library
reopened the doors
by supporting literacy, promoting
employment, and encouraging
entrepreneurship through the start-up
of small businesses by saying 'YOU CAN!'
My incarceration may only last a few
months, but **the profound effect
the library has had on me
will certainly last a lifetime!**"
Daniel, former ACF resident

"I love my library because even
though I was locked up in jail, I was still
able to further my education in the
automotive industry. I faithfully studied
every day out of a textbook and now I
can complete simple repairs on just
about any vehicle. It's been my passion
to work on cars. **I'm truly
grateful for the library!**
**They got me started on my
career path!** Someday I will have
my own shop if I take one step at a time.
Thank you!"
Tammy, former ACF resident



"Hennepin County Library has been,
and still is to this day, **a very important
resource to me** for reading, finding
information about different things, books,
movies, music, online services,
jobs, and education. **It's the best
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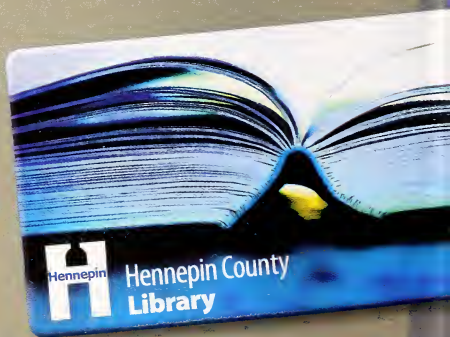


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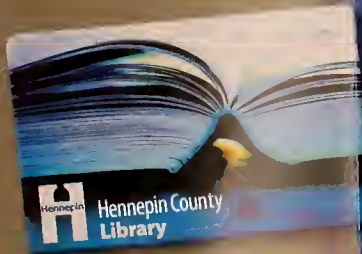
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continuing your education

At the library you can learn what you need to at your own pace, and it's free.

At the Hennepin County Library Franklin Learning Center, adults prepare for the GED and U.S. citizenship exams or study English, math, science, social studies, technology and life skills. Students work one-to-one or in small groups with instructors and tutors.

Is going back to school part of your job search plan? More education and training might mean more opportunities and money, and the library has many resources to increase your knowledge, get information about schools, prepare for tests such as the ACT or SAT, or even your CDL, learn about trades and apprenticeship programs, and apply for financial aid.

Your library card is your ticket to free computer use, complete with Internet. Don't know your way around a computer? Sign up for free classes or ask staff at our libraries, especially those with computer labs or technology centers, to show you how to use a computer, set up an email account, or search the Internet for a job.

MORE RESOURCES

Minnesota Literacy Council
1.800.222.1990
www.themlc.org

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MNSCU)
1.888.667.2848
www.mnscu.edu

finding a job

Looking for a job can be hard for someone with a criminal record, but finding a job is the most important part of a successful reentry into your community. Steady employment provides income, a sense of pride and a chance to prove you can take care of yourself.

Your library can be a great resource. Come to one of our Jobs and Small Business Centers to look for a job, write a résumé, learn interview strategies and more. Staff and community partners, such as WorkForce Centers, will help you get what you need.

In addition to using the library's computers to apply for jobs online, our staff can help you reformat your résumé or set up an email account.

There's also a program just for you. The World of Work program at North Regional Library is free to men and women with criminal backgrounds who need assistance finding a job, writing a résumé, disclosing a criminal record, and interviewing. You can also find job leads to companies with a history of hiring people with criminal records.

The library can also help if you're interested in self-employment and starting a small business. Our Jobs and Small Business Centers can help you explore different types of business opportunities, create a business plan, reach your target market and promote your business.

Once you have found employment, the library also has personal finance resources, credit repair information and tax forms.

MORE RESOURCES

ISEEK
1.800.657.8372
www.iseek.org

Minnesota WorkForce Centers
1.888.438.5627
www.minnesotaworks.net

putting a roof over your head

From coping with homelessness to buying a house, library staff can help you find the housing resources you need. The library also has information about rental issues, buying and selling a home, or dealing with foreclosure.

Also, no matter where you live, the library offers a quiet space where you can read a book, work on a job application, or use the Internet

MORE RESOURCES

Metro Shelter Hotline
1.888.234.1329

strengthening relationships

The library can help you find a great destination to visit, find some new friends, or find everyone in your neighborhood. As books, movies and TV shows, we also storytimes for children, and new programs for students and parents for teens.

The library can help you find other resources that might help you reconnect with your community and adjust to interacting with your neighbors. We can help you improve your communication skills, your understanding of the law, or learn more about religious freedom from different faiths.

taking care of yourself

Reentering your community after being incarcerated isn't easy, so taking care of yourself is essential.

Whether you need to learn more about coping with substance abuse issues or getting back in shape, the library has a wide variety of books and DVDs on health-related topics.

Attitude is everything, and the library has resources that can help you learn more about stress and anger management, depression and other mental health issues.

The library also has an Adaptive Technology Center and books-by-mail program that offer resources specifically for people with disabilities.

MORE RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous
952.922.0880
www.aaminneapolis.org

MedlinePlus
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus

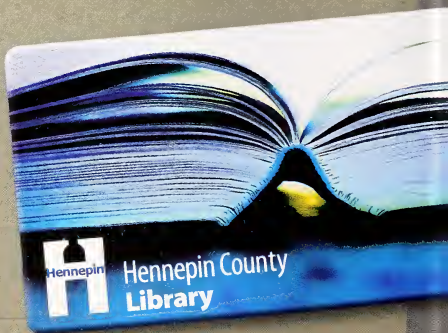
NAMI Minnesota
1.888.NAMI.HELPS
www.namihelp.org

National Suicide Hotline
1.800.784.2433

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41 libraries for you

- Augsburg Park**
612.43.6211
7100 Nicollet Ave.
Richfield
Brookdale
612.543.5600
6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy.
Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Park
612.543.6135
8600 Zane Ave. N.
Champlin
612.543.6131
12154 Ensign Ave. N.
East Lake
612.543.8425
1727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis
Eden Prairie
612.543.6275
565 Prairie Center Dr.
Edina
612.543.6325
5280 Grandview Square
Excelsior
612.543.6350
343 Third St.
Franklin
612.543.6925
1314 E. Franklin Ave.
Minneapolis
Golden Valley
612.543.6375
830 Winnetka Ave. N.
Hopkins
612.543.6400
7711 11th Ave. N.
Hosmer
612.543.6900
347 E. 36th St., Minneapolis
- Linden Hills**
612.543.6825
2900 W. 43rd St.
Minneapolis
Long Lake
612.543.6425
1865 Wayzata Blvd. W.
Maple Grove
612.543.6450
8001 Main St. N.
Maple Plain
612.543.5711
5184 Main St. E.
Minneapolis Central
612.543.8110
300 Nicollet Mall
Minnetonka
612.543.5725
17524 Excelsior Blvd.
Nokomis
612.543.6800
5100 34th Ave. S.
North Regional
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8800 Penn Ave. S.
Bloomington
Pierre Bottineau
612.543.6850
55 Broadway St. N.E.
Minneapolis
Plymouth
612.543.6875
15700 30th Ave. N.
Ridgedale
612.543.6800
12601 Ridgedale Dr.
Minnetonka
612.543.6800
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830 Winnetka Ave. N.
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612.543.6400
7711 11th Ave. N.
Hosmer
612.543.6900
347 E. 36th St., Minneapolis
- St. Louis Park**
612.543.6125
3710 Library Lane
Southdale
612.543.6100
7001 York Ave. S., E.Mn.
Southdale
612.543.6725
2222 4th St. S.E.
Minneapolis
612.543.6875
15700 30th Ave. N.
Ridgedale
612.543.6800
12601 Ridgedale Dr.
Minnetonka
612.543.6800
5100 34th Ave. S.
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Follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/hclib
Ask Us
Live chat online or email: www.hclib.org, click Ask Us
By phone: 612.543.KNOW (5669)
In person at 41 libraries


Renewals	612.543.8811
Español/Spanish	612.543.8510
Hmoob/Hmong	612.543.8845
Soomaali/Somali	612.543.8756

TTY 711 (toll-free, nationwide number)

At-Home Service 612.543.8850
Books, CDs and DVDs for individuals confined at home due to weather, illness, disability or lack of transportation

Help Desk 612.543.8750 techhelp@hclib.org
Technical assistance with the Library's website

hclib mobile
The Library's free smartphone app puts Hennepin County Library at your fingertips!



Check your account: renew items, review requests and holds. Search the library catalog, place requests and discover new books. Learn about free library programs and classes. Get library locations, hours and directions. Ask questions via phone, chat or email.

To download, scan this code with your smartphone, or go online to www.hclib.boopis.com or follow the link from www.hclib.org.

Hennepin County government resources

General Information	612.348.3000
Human Services and Public Health Department	612.348.4111
Probation Records Center	612.348.2110
Public Defender	612.348.7530
Service Centers	612.348.8240
Veterans' Service	612.348.3300

identification resources

Minnesota Department of Public Safety—Driver and Vehicle Services
651.297.2005 (office locations)
www.dps.state.mn.us/dvs

legal resources

You may have used your family's library for legal research. After your release, you can find legal forms and get free access to legal research using Hennepin County Library's Westlaw database and collection of legal materials.

Criminal History Information
Minnesota Public Criminal History Search
www.cch.state.mn.us
Minnesota Trial Court Public Access (MPA)
www.pa.courts.state.mn.us

Legal Information
Hennepin County Law Library
www.hclaw.co.hennepin.mn.us
612.348.3022
Hennepin County Legal Advice Clinics
www.mncourts.gov/district/4/?page=1200
612.752.6666

Legal Aid Society (civil matters)
www.mylegalaid.org
12.334.5970
Legal Rights Center (criminal matters)
www.legalrightscenter.org
612.337.0030

reentry organizations

180 Degrees, Inc.
236 Clifton Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55403
612.813.5000
www.180degrees.org
180 Degrees, Inc. provides a continuum of services ranging from early interventions for juveniles at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system to residential programming for male adults returning from prison or jail. For adults, 180 Degrees, Inc. serves over 250 men in their residential program and provides non-residential alternatives and case management for individuals who are on probation and in need of structure, employment support and housing assistance.

Aeon
822 S. Third St., Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55415
612.341.3148
www.aeonmn.org
Aeon owns and manages 1,700 apartments that offer permanent housing opportunities for homeless adults and homeless youth (ages 16-20), very low-income working persons, and very low-fixed-income persons and families. For residents who benefit from on-site social services, Aeon partners with providers to create programs tailored to residents' needs. Aeon does not turn people away if they have a criminal background, but it will be reviewed as part of the application process.

Amicus
15 S. Fifth St., Suite 1100, Minneapolis, MN 55402
612.348.8570
www.amicususa.org
Amicus helps inmates and ex-offenders reshape their lives, reach their goals, and make successful transitions from prison into the community. Reentry programs include "One to One," in which community volunteers are trained and matched with incarcerated individuals to develop positive and lasting friendships and "Reconnect" which provides specialized planning and referral services for those leaving prison who are searching for jobs, housing and other day-to-day needs.

Council on Crime and Justice
822 S. Third St., Minneapolis, MN 55415
612.353.3000
www.crimeandjustice.org
The Council on Crime and Justice provides a criminal justice system and expungement (sealoff). Individuals who meet the guidelines can receive legal assistance with Volunteer Lawyers Network and receive other services. The Council also has an ex-offender support group that provides support and other programs for offenders and their families. For more details and current program information, visit www.cccj.org.

EMERGE Community Development
1101 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.529.9267
www.emerge-mn.org
EMERGE is a community development organization that provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. EMERGE recently released from prison and has been in the community for over 10 years. Programs include: emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, job training, employment assistance, case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and support groups. EMERGE also provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Goodwill/Easter Seals
553 Fairview Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55104
651.379.5800
www.goodwilleasterseals.org
Goodwill/Easter Seals is a community development organization that provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Goodwill/Easter Seals recently released from prison and has been in the community for over 10 years. Programs include: emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, job training, employment assistance, case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and support groups. Goodwill/Easter Seals also provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

NetWork for Better Futures
1017 Olson Memorial Highway, Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.455.6133
www.networkforbetterfutures.com
The NetWork is a common sense approach with the comprehensive level of resources needed to help high-risk men reenter the community as workers, fathers and positive forces in society. This innovative endeavor is designed to respond immediately to participants' most basic needs: safe, decent, affordable housing and a job. A core feature of this venture is Better Futures, The NetWork's jobs enterprise that provides immediate, short term work for participants.

Project for Pride in Living (PPL)
1035 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55404
612.455.5100
www.ppl-inc.org
For persons with criminal histories, PPL offers free employment training services to help you secure and keep a job, achieve your educational objectives, and accomplish your career goals. From on-the-job training at PPL Industries or Furnish-Office & Home, to work readiness classes and computer workshops at the PPL Learning Center, PPL provides the training and support you need to enter the workforce successfully. They also provide supportive housing for individuals with criminal histories at PPL Re-Start.

RS EDEN
1931 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411
612.287.1600
www.rseden.org
RS EDEN has evolved into a multi-faceted agency that facilitates positive change in the areas of chemical dependency, family services, corrections and affordable housing. At the core of their services is the steadfast belief that with structure, stability, accountability, responsibility, fellowship and faith in the possibility of success, people can and do change. Together with partner agencies and individuals, RS EDEN continues to help rebuild communities throughout Minnesota, one person at a time.

Salvation Army Harbor Light Center
1010 Currie Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403
612.767.3100
www.thesalarmy.org
Salvation Army Harbor Light Center provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Harbor Light Center recently released from prison and has been in the community for over 10 years. Programs include: emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, job training, employment assistance, case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and support groups. Harbor Light Center also provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Twin Cities RISE!
800 Washington Ave. N., Suite 203, Minneapolis, MN 55401
460 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul, MN 55104
612.338.0295 (Minneapolis); 651.603.8520 (St. Paul)
www.twincitiesrise.org
Twin Cities RISE! is a community development organization that provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Twin Cities RISE! recently released from prison and has been in the community for over 10 years. Programs include: emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, job training, employment assistance, case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and support groups. Twin Cities RISE! also provides support and resources for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

more information

United Way Referral Line
2-1-1 or 1.800.543.7709 (toll-free)

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1101 Wootton Parkway
Rockville, MD 20852
1-800-444-6472**



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